GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:692
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005
CONTRACT LABOURERS
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a large number of contract labourers in the country are denied the Protection envisaged in the labour laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are instances of death of contract labourers in the country including in Kerala State due to lack of adequate food, shelter and medical attendance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against guilty contractors/employers who are at fault?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (e): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 692 FOR 28.11.2005 BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN REGARDING CONTRACT LABOURERS.

(a) & (b): Some complaints are received from time to time alleging non-grant of benefits to contract labour under the various labour laws. The same are investigated and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the law, including launching of prosecutions, if considered necessary.

(c) to (e): As per information received, in Kerala, two migrant workers from state of Bihar engaged by M/s Punjlloyd Ltd., a construction company, in road construction work, died due to malaria. The specific construction work falls in the state sphere. Timely action was taken by the State Labour Department to provide proper medical care to other ailing workers and their lives were saved. Necessary action in accordance with the provisions of labour laws have been initiated and a show cause notice has been issued to the concerned contractors on 31.10.2005 for their lapses in providing the necessary facilities. Besides instructions have been issued by the State Labour Commissioner to the field offices to closely monitor compliance of labour laws and take strict follow up action. A compensation of Rs. 1.28 lakhs each to the deceased workers has also been deposited by M/s Punjlloyd with State Labour Commissioner for disbursement to the legal heirs of the deceased through the Government of Bihar.